estion of Money Asked by Several Clubs the Chief Obstacle—Abell and Hanlon Confer Again Over the Big Deal, but No Papers Signed-Ewing Fails to Get Rusie. Although the National League of Professional Baseball Clubs adjourned last evening without

officially discussing the much-talked-of reduc-tion of the circuit to eight clubs and the establishment of another league of a similar num-ber of cities. The Sun has been authorized to say that the deal to organize the sixteen-club arrangement is still on. It is also safe to prediet that the League will call a special meeting in this city just as soon as certain obstacles to the success of the new circuit scheme have been overcome. Before the meeting wound up its business, F. A. Abell of the Brooklyn Club said to the reporter of THE SUN:

"When the papers have been signed to com-plete the consolidation of the Brooklyn and Baltimore clubs, we will be in a position to do anything the League asks. We will also be ready to help any movement to reduce the cir-

These remarks were nothing if not signifieant. They were taken to mean that the magnates are still working. But there was further svidence when Harry Pulliam of the Louisville

I want THE SUN to put our position before the public correctly. We have withdrawn our offer to sell for \$50,000, and want to stay in the League. But we have a price still, and if it is paid we are ready to do whatever the men who want to establish the double-circuit scheme semand. If the League consents to pay us a certain sum and we can sell our franchise to another city for another amount on the side, the chances are we will help to bring the pet scheme of the other magnates to an issue."

Chris Von der Ahe, who believes he has a right to the St. Louis franchise, declared that his suit to oust Receiver Muckenfuss would some up for trial next week, but when asked if he would accept a financial proposition from Robison for the permission to locate the Cleveland team in St. Louis he said that he would have to think it over before giving a reply. Soden of Boston admitted that he wanted to see the circuits changed, while Kerr of Pittsburg expressed a similar opinion. But Brush, Hart, and Robison had no remarks whatever

While it was announced that the League had not officially canvassed the situation, it was not denied that the whole scheme to overhaul the present arrangements was thoroughly gone ver. It was stated on excellent authority that Louisville had been asked to name a figure for its franchise and that it was so high that the magnates covered their eyes with their hands. One other club, presumably Washington, was also approached with the same result, so that the schemers concluded to wind up the official sessions of the League and try to bring about the formation of the two new circuits on

If the clubs that are holding out for big bonuses show a disposition to come down in their figures, they will be settled with in a fair way. They will receive notes for the amounts to be paid to them, and the money will be raised by making each club in the larger eightelab circuit set aside 10 per cent. of the gross receipts for every game played at home In this way the money will not have

eith circuit set aside 10 per cent. of the gross receipts for every game played at home. In this way the money will not have to be raised in bulk now, which will be an easier way to beat some of the recalcitrant magnates into line. The Philadelphia Club was sounded, it is understood, on the proposition to contribute to a fund with which to get rid of obstacles in the way of the sixteen-club acheme, and John I. Rogers refused pointblank to consider such a thing. Shortly afterward the Philadelphian found that he had made a bad break, for the magnates, after hearing him argue in favor of his Philadelphian gate receipts plan for nearly twelve hours, voted to carry the matter over to the spring meeting in February.

In a word, if Rogers does not help to get Louisville, St. Louis and others into line, he cannot, it is said, receive another contract from the League by which he will be able to pay 12% cents to every other visiting club for each admission ticket sold. This is only one of the clever moves made by the basebail politicians who are secretly trying to rearrange the circuit. Robison of Cleveland labored with the Louisville magnates for a long time yesterday afternoon without results. Waxner of Washington had a similar confab with Hart of Chicago, and both of these consultations made the knowing ones see what was in the wind.

The delegates proceeded with the usual business as if they had never thought of any change in the circuit, but that was policy. Nobody cared to show his hand openly. The session was called at 1:40 clock in the afternoon, and the Philadelphia gate receipts question came up for discussion again, only to be carried over. Brush got through a motion that hereafter a stenographer shall be present at all meetings so that the magnates who say one thing inside the star chamber and something else in the corridor can be placed on record in black and white. Brush also succeeded in carrying his move to readopt a 154-game schedule, of which two plans are to be drawn up, one including three western tri

to Catcher Peitz, who argued that it had been unjustly inflicted.

The National Board of Arbitration also held a session during the day and settled a long list of minor league cases. The most important included a ruling whereby Newark must remain in the Atlantic League instead of jumping into the Eastern, and the Hartford Club must pay its debts to William Barnie before it can receive permission to join any league.

When the magnates finished the business last night all except Hart, Robison, and Brush left town. These three leaders, being in close touch with Soden of Boston, are expected to bring about the big deal involving the two new leagues.

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Both Vonderhorst, the owner of the Baltimore Club, and Ebbets of the Brooklyn Club were ill yesterday, but that did not prevent Abel and Hanion from making further arrangements for the completion of their deal, Hanion consulted Vonderhorst in the morning, but the latter was too sick totalk business. When Hanion was asked by the reporters whether it was sale to go on with the story of the deal, he readily gave his consent.

"Only Mr. Abell can block it now," said he. Abell declared later: "I won't be the one to call the deal off."

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Many baseball men expressed the opinion last pight that the papers had been actually signed, but owing to the taik about changes in the League circuit the two clubs believed that it might be well to hold back such information for a little while. It was currently reported that Hanlon would confine his time to managing the new Brooklyn team, and that Ebbets would be President of the club. The Haltimores, it was understood, would be turned over to William Barnie, who would be the President and business manager, Robinson having charge of the team. Barnie had a chat with Abell, but whether they discussed the former's engagement could not be learned.

From what Hanlon says it is not at all improbable that he will try to bring McGraw to Brooklyn to play third base, in which event be Montreville may either succeed Daiy at second or go along with the new Baltimore team, Hanlon does not want to break up his noted by four-McGraw, Keeler, Jennings and Kelley.

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George W. Howe, formerly one of the owners of the Cleveland Club, who has attended the meeting all the week, said last night that if the Clevelands were taken to St. Louis Robisson will still run a team in the Forest City and have representation in the new Association circuit. It will be in charge of Stanley Hobisson, and will probably be managed by Pat Tebeau's brother, "White Wings."

During the day Buck Ewing made another attempt to secure the release of Pitcher Rusie for Cincinnati: He had a consultation with John B. Day, and, it is understood, he offered Pitcher Taylor. Third Baseman Steinfelt and Outfielders McBride or McFariand for the big Hoosier. But Day, it is reported, could not do business without first consulting Freedman.

In relation to the row over the election of the Sattonal Board, in which Abell figured, the latter said vesterday that, while he wanted the membership of the board reduced to three instead of increased to six, he was in ne way apposed to Brush. He stated further that, had his motion been carried, he would have suggested the names of Brush. Rogers and Soden, saving out Hobison and Hart.

AMBITIOUS NEW YORK A. C. ATHLETES. Champion Cross-Country Team Bendy

Tackle the English Cracks. The easy manner in which the New York Athletto Club team won the cross-country championship on Thanksgiving Day has stirred up the ambitious followers of the sport. and the club leaders in that branch are now considering the possibility of arranging match with the team that wins the English shampionship. The supporters of the idea realize that in an international race across country an American team would attack the

Englishmen at their strongest point. So far the proposition has not progress beyond the informal stage. It has, however, been frequently talked over, and if considered practicable will be brought before the officials of the club later. The race, if arranged, could not take piace until after the English championships in February, and if it should be run in England could not be decided until the summer, as most of the New York A. C. team are collegians who would not be available for such a long trip, except during vacation. The race, if arranged, would be much likelier to take place in this country late in March or early in April. For an event of such importance it is quite likely that the men usually averse to running across country in the spring could be induced to train.

The only material differences between the championships here and in England are that in England the distance run is between tea and twelve miles, while the Morris Park course is six miles, and the English championship is decided by the positions of the first six men on cach team, while only five count for points in America.

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One of the most enthusiastic advocates of the match, who has been a close student of cross-country running at home and abroad for the past twenty years, expressed great confidence in the New York Athletic Club team. He reasons that the easy victory obtained by George W. Orton in the two-mile English steeplechase championship last July shows that whatever may have been the situation in former years, American long distance runners of the present day are at least in the same class as their English cousins. He points out that though Orton won in hollow fashion against the best steeple-chasers of England, he could finish no better than third in the recent championship at Morris Park. In giving reasons for his belief in the ability of the New York A. C. team to cope with the winning team at the English championship, the old-timer said:

"Provided-that men prove their ability to stay a distance and negotiate the country, speed and class is sure to tell in this as in all other games. For these essentials no team that ever ran across country can compare with the wearers of the winged foot. There can be no question about the staying qualities of the men, for the race on Thanksgiving Day was run under the most trying conditions, yet the seven New York A. C. men finished well up, and all except one was full of running at the finish. For speed they are unparalleled as a team. A. L. Wright, the first man home, has run a mile under 4 minutes 25 seconds and two miles in 9 minutes 49 seconds. J. Bray, the second man, has several times run a half mile better than two minutes, and is capable of running a mile considerably under 4 minutes 30 seconds. Orton, who would be eligible to run for the club against an English team, has a record of 4 minutes 20 seconds and Cregan has a record of 5 minutes 20 seconds. These men would be backed up by E. W. Mills, who, as a schoolboy, beat 4 minut

SPORT AT COLUMBIA.

Active Preparations for Training in the Different Branches.

The promoters of the various branches of sport at Columbia University are very busy these days. They are making every preparation for their regular indoor training season. For the crew and bicycle men this will begin immediately after the holidays. For the lacrosse, baseball, athletic and football eams actual work will begin about a month later. The hockey team is well under way There is a movement on foot to make the hockey championship more widely collegiate than last year and to embrace Yale, Brown University of Pennsylvania, Cornell and

Dr. Walter B. Peet, the coach of the crews, Dr. Waiter B. Peet, the coach of the crews, came up to the university pesterday atternoon to look things over. With Capt. Mackay he made a tour of the gymnasium. He was highly pleased with the facilities for training as well as with the material on hand. Capt. Mackay stated that at least sixty men will answer the call for freshman candidates on Jan. 4. Over forty will come out for the 'varsity. Dr. Peet will begin work with the men at once. The latter said:

latter said:

"I shall use a somewhat longer stroke than I taught the '95 crew. It will be lengthened at both ends, and one of its characteristics will be a very powerful leg-drive."

The cycle team will also start work on Jan. 4. Capt. Darwin Hudson an accured yesterday that Albert E. Webb will train the team. Webb has handled Tom Cooper for three years.

years.
The track team association has elected the following officers:
President, Dr. Reginald Sayre, '87; Secretary, Hans Yom Baur, '93; Treasurer, Herman Mosenthal, '98; Graduate Directors, Lawson, '94; Chatain, '95; Rirby, '98, L. S.; Byers, '92; Taylor, '93; C. Mapes, '92; Smull, '93, and Rimesier, '95. Undergraduate Directors for '99, Josephthal and Steven; for 1900, Reid and Turner; for 1901, Mechan and Smith; for 1902, Armstead and Johnson.

May Follow Harvard's Example and Have

a Professional Rowing Coach. NEW HAVEN, Dec. 17.-No announcemen will be made at Yale of the crew policy for the oming season until after the Christmas vacation. The officials of the navy are busy with negotiations looking toward another Yal Harvard-Cornell race. It is believed that the managers of the three navies will soon hold a conference, settling the points of difference and agreeing to a three-cornered contest. It now looks as if this would be rowed at Poughkeepsie. Bob Cook, the Yale mortal enemy of
the course on the Hudson, is no longer in control of Yale's rowing destinies, and, although New London is agreed by Yale
faculty, alumni and undergraduates alike
to be the best place for the race, Yale
and Harvard are both becoming convinced
that they should make some concession to
Cornell because of the sacrifice of that university in rowing two races last year. The
rowing coach for next season has not been decided upon, but he will be chosen in time to
announce his name when the plans for the
Yale-Harvard-Cornell race are made. It is still
probable that either Dr. Percy Bolton or exCapt. Armstrong of the 165 crew will direct the
work of the crew, although there is a prospect
of Yale's following Harvard's example and engacing an auxiliary trainer like Andrew
O'Dea. If this is done John A. Konnedy, who
attended to the supervision of the rigging of
the boats last year, is favored by Yale men. He
was a noted professional oar and aided Bob
Cook materially in conching last year.

Manager Magee of the Track Athletic Association says that the vacant place of trainer will
not be filled for some time. The most prominent athlete taiked of for the place is Froster G.
Sanford, the old quarter-mile runner. He is in
the South with the Third Connecteut Regiment. The Hockey Club is preparing for a
Christmas trip. The team will leave here next
week, and will play with the University of
Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, and will meet
a'hletie clubs in Washington and Baltimore.
Sanford stoddard of Bridgeport, captain of the
team, has about fifteen candidates practicing
daily on Lake Whitney. He has secured as
ecoach John A. Hall, Yale's former football player. The basketball team will remain here during the Christmas vacation. Luther I. Beard,
half back on the Yale eleven in several games
the past season, is captain. now looks as if this would be rowed at Pough keepsie. Bob Cook, the Yale mortal enemy of

the past season, is captain Brooklyn Deal Does Not Meet with Favor

BALTIMORE, Dec. 17.-The transfer of th Baltimore Club to Brooklyn does not meet with favor in this city. Interviews with prominent men and baseball "rooters" have brought forth storms of protests and it can be safely said that baseball will never pay again in this city so long as either Hanion or Vonderhorst has anything to do with the handling of the club. The "lans" of this city do not relish the idea that after making their money in this city Hanion and Vonderhorst should make the transfor. Congressman Wachter said to-day: "The throw-down for Baltimore is a disgrace and an outrage. No city in the circuit gave its team better support under normal conditions or its players a greater ovation than Baltimore." Shortstop Hugh Jennings comments as follows in regard to the deal:

"I think the Baltimore people have been treated shamfully, and if there was any way in which I could remain here I would do so. If I am down for Brooklyn I suppose I will be forced to go, but it will be with great regret. I expected to make my home permanently in this city, and have made arrangements accordingly. No less is the deal deplored by Kelley, and he has told m so."

Catcher Clarke also expressed his regret that Baltimore had been so "thrown down." men and baseball "rooters" have brought

Jake Schnefer Has the Grip.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 17.-Jake Schaefer, the nilliardist, is confined to his home with an attack of the grip. He has been forced to stop playing in the games for which he has been scheduled. His condition is not regarded as serious, though physicians yesterday feared pneumonia.

GOLFERS AT LAKEWOOD.

ECOND HANDICAP AT THE OCEAN COUNTY HUNT AND COUNTRY CLUB.

Toratio M. Adams, the Dyker Meadow Flayer, Wins the First Prize-Second Cop Captured by Francis D, Beard of the Rome Club-Schoolboy Teams Contest. In spite of rain and fog, twenty golfers started n the second of the series of open handicaps yesterday at the Ocean County Hunt and Coun-try Club, Lakewood. Besides the two Lakewood clubs the organizations represented were St. Andrew's, Ardsley, Dyker Meadow. Staten Island Cricket and Baseball and the Crescent A. C. The course was in good order for the time of year, and the general average of the scores better than in the first competition, on Dec. 10, when the ground was hard with frost. The first cup was won by Horatio M. Adams of the Dyker Meadow Golf Club, while F. D. Beard of the home club won the second cup. The scores follow:

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New Haven, Dec. 17.—The annual meeting of the New Haven Golf Club was held to-night and the following directors were chosen: Joseph T. Whittelsey, Justus Hotchkiss, Prof. William Lyon Phelps, John Reed, Jr., and Walter B. Smith of Yale. Dr. F. L. Chase of Yale was elected Secretary. It was voted to erect a new clubhouse valued at about \$15,000. It will be equipped with large assembly, dining and smoking rooms and locker and dressing

Teams from Blake and Cutler schools met in a match resterday morning on the Westchester Golf Club links. The former team won by

Bates (Capt.)... .15 Total.

Columbia Defeats Old Penn at Chess. The third round of the chess match between Columbia University and the University of Pennsylvania was played resterday at the Manhattan Chess Club. The result was another victory. the score being 4% games to 1%. Meyer and Griffith, who had an adjourned game from the first round in hand, decided to call it a draw. The score of the two rounds was 9 to 3 in favor of Columbia. As the figures

was 9 to 3 in favor of Columbia. As the ngures in the first encounter in Philadelphia were 7 to 5 in favor of Old Penn, the Columbia men won the rubber by 14 games to 10. The details of the third round were:

COLUMBIA. PERNSULVARIA.
BOSTOL Results. REMIS. Openings.
1. Phillips 1 vs. Francia 0
2. Meyer. 1 vs. Griffith. 0 Guoco Piano.
2. Meyer. 1 vs. Alk'ndero Ruy Lopes.
3. Falk. 1 vs. Alk'ndero Guy Lopes.
4. Parker. 0 vs. Addem'ni 0's Gambit dec.
5. Bewall. 1 vs. Gai'gh'r. 16 Centre gambit.

Grand total.14 Grand total.10 In the third round Columbia played the white pleces on the odd-numbered boards and Old Penn on the even numbered.

Pillsbury's Performance

Harry N. Pilisbury left town yesterday after noon on his Western tour. He will play at Daven-port, Ia., on Monday and Tuesday. He is due to return about Jan. 1. On an Eastern trip which he finished last week Pillsbury played at Worcester, Fall River and Springfield. At the Worcester Y. M. C. A. he encountered twenty opponents a chess and fourteen at checkers in a simulchess and fourteen at encekers in a simultaneous exhibition with great success. Of the
chess games he won seventeen, drew one and
lost two. Of the checker games he won seven,
drew six and lost one. In Fall River he piaged
eleven games of chess and nine of checkers,
and in several instances played several games
of checkers against the same opponent. Altogether he lost only one game of chess. He drew
one at checkers, winning all the rest. In Springfield in the morning he met the local cracks at
the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. Chess and Checker
Club. In all he contested fifteen games of chess
and checkers simultaneously and scored everything except one draw at checkers. In the
evening he again figured in a simultaneous
performance, meeting eighteen opponents at
chess and fourteen at checkers. He was
obliged to play in rapid time, but nevertheless
made the following fine score: Chess, won 16,
loat I and drew I; checkers, won 7, lost 2, drew
5. He then played a blindfold scance. Pillsbury conducted one game of chess against the
club members consulting, and one game of
checkers, also against a consultation party.
The result was that he drew the checker game
but lost the game of chess after he had a winning game in hand. taneous exhibition with great success. Of the

Skating.

The first of a series of interscholastic skating races open to all schoolboys of Greater Nev York was decided at the Clermont Avenue Ice Skating Rink, Brooklyn, yesterday morning. Before these contests representatives of Adel-phi Academy, Heffley School of Commerce, De La Salle Institute, Brooklyn Latin School, and Pratt Institute engaged in a game of hockey. Pratt Institute engaged in a game of nockey. Some fast work was done on both sides, and the result was a tie. Each side scored four times, Baine, Andrews and Thurston tallied for Brooklyn, while Paine, Howard and Richardson scored for the New Yorkers.

The first of the skating races was a half-mile dash, scratch. It was a close and interesting struggle. R. Marston of Brooklyn Latin School, a protégé of H. P. McDonaid, who is studying at Pratt Institute, won, with H. Howard, Brooklyn Boys' High School, second, and J. Kenneth, Pratt, third. Marston finished in front by only two feet.

Then came a half-mile handicap race, which was won by E. T. Bedford, Jr. Minton was second and Howard third. The fun wound up with a one-mile event, which Marston annaxed without overexertion. Summaries:

Half-Mile, Scratch—Won by R. Marston, Brooklyn Latin School, H. Howard, Boys' High School, second, J. E. Kenneth, Pratt Institute, third. Time, 2 minutes 45 seconds.

Half-Mile Handicap—Won by F. T. Bedford, Jr., Adelphi Academy, 69 gards; L. Minton, Boys' High School, scratch, second; H. Howard, Pratt Institute, scratch, third. Time, 2 minutes 44 seconds.

One-Mile Handicap—Won by R. Marston, scratch; George H. Switzer, 100 yards, second; J. Kenneth, scratch, third. Time, 2 minutes 24 seconds.

One-Mile Handicap—Won by R. Marston, scratch; George H. Switzer, 100 yards, second; J. Kenneth, scratch, third. The latter would have won, but he crossed on the wrong side of the men abead of him and was disqualified. Time, 3 minutes 25 seconds.

The points were as follows: R. Marston, 10: H. Howard, 4: J. Kenneth, 2: E. T. Bedford, Jr., 5: L. Minton, 3: G. H. Switzer, 3. Some fast work was done on both sides, and

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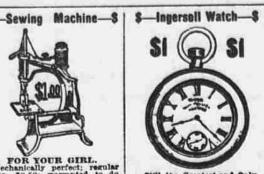
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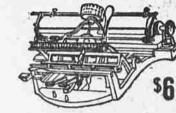


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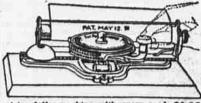
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Basketball Notes.

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The St. Luke's Boys' Club juniors played the Adelph Academy A. A. juniors at Adelph symmasium yesterday morning, the visitors winning by a score of et to 3.

The Morningside's second team would like to arrange games for Dec. 22 and 31 with teams averaging 115 or 120 pounds. Address David Paton, manager, 1326 Columbus avecue.

The Grace Caspel team defeated the Young Men's League at the latter's symmasium on Friday night by the score of 35 to 14. In the second half the Young Men's League substituted a player who would make a good tackle on a football team, so far as brute strength and roughing are concerned. The Grace Chapel Brownies would like to arrange sames with teams averaging ninety pounds. Address George Schleich, manager, 416 East Thirteenth street.